available with the CPPs utilizing the enabling provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the National Electricity Policy.

Allocation of Electricity from NPG to U.P.

4437. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of electricity allocated for Uttar Pradesh from the National Power Grid;

(b) the total quantum of electricity consumed out of the allocated electricity in the state;

(c) whether the above allocation is adequate to meet the existing requirement of electricity; and

(d) if not, the step's taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The present allocation to Uttar Pradesh from central sector stations in the Northern Region is 3294 MW including dedicated station Tanda (440 MW) of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). During the year 2004-05, the scheduled energy drawal of Uttar Pradesh from Central Generating Stations (CGSs) was 22398 MU against its entitlement of 23273 MU.

(c) and (d) The demand of power in the State of Uttar Pradesh is met by generation from its own sources, its share from central sector stations and power availed under bilateral agreements. During the year 2004-05, the State experienced energy and peak shortages of 20.1 % and 20.4%, respectively.

Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is in the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. The Central Government has a complementary role in adding generation capacity in the Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings. However, the following steps have been taken to augment availability of power in Uttar Pradesh:

(i) Allocation of 141 Mw-219 MW in different time slots from unallocated quota of CGSs in Northern Region.

(ii) Allocation of 40 MW from unallocated/surrendered share of NTPC stations in Eastern Region.

(iii) Allocation of 296 MW from the Rihand Super Thermal Power Station Stage-ll (2x500 MW) of NTPC and 56 MW Dhauliganga Hydro Electric Project (HEP) (280 MW) of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) which will put into commercial operation during 2005-06.

(iv) The State will also have entitlements from Dulhasti HEP (390 MW) of NHPC and Tehri HEP Stage-I (1000 MW) of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) which are programmed for commissioning during the year 2005-06.

(v) Uttar Pradesh was also provided 32.88% (276 MW) of Delhi's surrendered shares in Dadri TPS (840 MW) during 2300 hrs. to 0500 hrs. with effect from 27.11.2004 till 31.03.2005 which was later extended upto 30.04.2005 during the time slot of 0300 hrs. to 0900 hrs.

Procurement of Fuel from Private Firms by NTPC

4438. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has signed agreement with private firms for procurement of fuel for their power plants in Gujarat and other cities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the rates for procurement of gas from private players and what is the basics of selecting private firms?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had invited bids through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) on 1st October, 2002 (Request for Qualification) and 21.4.2003 (Request for proposal) for sourcing of fuel (LNG/Natural